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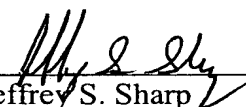
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This is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003 in which all elected claims (1-6 and 8-18) were indicated to be free of the prior art but stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. § 112, (first and second paragraphs). Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is solicited in light of the following amendments and responsive arguments.

Amendments to the Claims begin at Page 2.

Remarks begin at Page 6.